

How vocational and technical qualifications will be awarded in 2021

Qualifications most similar to GCSEs and A levels

e.g. BTECs and OCR Cambridge Technicals



Taken only in schools or colleges



Do not assess occupational skills

Qualifications not similar to GCSEs or A levels

e.g. Functional skills and ESOL Skills for Life



Taken in schools, colleges or other places



Do not assess occupational skills

Qualifications with occupational skills or proficiency assessments

e.g. construction, plumbing and electrical qualifications



Taken in schools, colleges or other places



Assess occupational skills

Your results



Graded by teacher or lecturer judgement



Various sources of evidence used



Results no later than for GCSEs and A levels

Your results



Assessments should continue where possible



May be awarded using other evidence or judgements



Awarding organisations decide the evidence needed

Your results



Assessments can continue as normal where possible



Assessments may be delayed



Assessments can be adapted if needed

Visit www.gov.uk/ofqual or search 'Ofqual 2021 qualification explainer tool' for specific details (coming soon)